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- a. The plant produces ZIS trucks No 150 and automobiles and buses, including the ZIS 110 automobile and the ZIS 155 bus. The plant also produces refrigerators and a special model of bicycles.
- b. The plant was established in 1924 and was the first Soviet plant to manufacture cars and trucks. In 1928 the Soviets began to modernize the plant and erected conveyors. In 1936 the plant put out a new car model and in 1941 began to manufacture heavy trucks. During World War II, the plant manufactured only tanks. In 1942 the plant was moved to the Urals and was returned to Moscow after the war. In 1945 the plant began to manufacture the new ZIS 110 and in 1947 the ZIS 150.
- c. The plant has received honorary titles and decorations from the government, including two Lenin decorations and the Order of the Red Banner. Forty-seven engineers and laborers of the plant have been awarded Stalin prizes by the government.
- d. The plant provides homes and theaters for the workers, as well as schools, hospitals, and rest homes. The plant also provides care for children while their mothers are at work in the plant. The plant workers study at the universities in their spare time.
- e. There are several thousand workers in the plant, forty percent of whom are women. Most of the plant works two shifts, but some sections work

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continuously. Employees work eight hours per day, six days a week, with 45 minutes for lunch. Salaries are from 900 to 2500 rubles per month.

f. One truck is produced every five minutes.

g. The plant has a railroad system 50 km long.

2. Women were observed working in the presses, their faces completely black from the coal dust, and small hot fragments coming from the cranks were flying in the air. Women were also seen holding heavy pieces of steel and grinding them on grinding wheels. Women were working in Foundry No 3, shoveling pig iron and steel pieces and working on the furnaces for hardening steel. Foundries Nos. 1 and 2 were not observed.

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